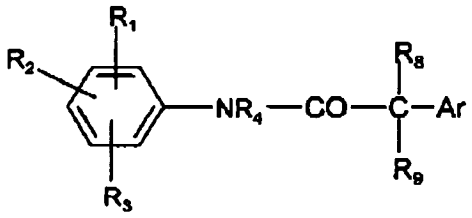
Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A carboxylic acid amide of the formula



(I),

wherein:

R_1 denotes a pyrrolidinocarbonyl,

R_2 denotes a ~~chlorine or bromine atom,~~ hydrogen or a C_{1-3}-alkyl group ~~wherein the hydrogen atoms may be wholly or partly replaced by fluorine atoms or a C_{1-3}-alkoxy group~~,

R_3 denotes a hydrogen atom or a C_{1-3}-alkyl group,

R_4 denotes a hydrogen atom or a C_{1-3}-alkyl group,

Ar denotes a phenyl group substituted by the groups R_5, R_6 and R_7, while

R_5 denotes an amidino group,

R_6 denotes a hydrogen atom, or a C_{1-3}-alkyl ~~or hydroxy~~ group and

R_7 denotes a hydrogen atom or a C_{1-3}-alkyl group,

R_8 and R_9, which may be identical or different, each denote a hydrogen atom or a C_{1-3}-alkyl group ~~optionally substituted by a phenyl or pyridinyl group~~,

or a salt thereof.

2. (currently amended) A carboxylic acid amide of the formula I according to claim 1, wherein:

R_1 denotes a pyrrolidinocarbonyl group,

R_2 denotes a ~~chlorine or bromine atom,~~hydrogen atom or a C_{1-3}-alkyl~~, trifluoromethyl or C_{1-3}-alkoxy~~ group,

R_3 denotes a hydrogen atom or a C_{1-3}-alkyl group,

R_4 denotes a hydrogen atom or a C_{1-3}-alkyl group,

Ar denotes a phenyl group substituted by the groups R_5 and R_6 wherein

R_5 denotes an amidino group and

R_6 denotes a hydrogen atom, or a C_{1-3}-alkylor ~~hydroxy~~ group, and

R_8 and R_9, which may be identical or different, each denote a hydrogen atom or a C_{1-3}-alkyl group, ~~optionally substituted by an phenyl or pyridinyl group,~~

or a salt thereof.

3. (currently amended) A carboxylic acid amide of the formula I according to claim 1, wherein:

the groups R_1 to R_4, R_8 and R_9 are defined as in claim 1 or 2, but R_1 in the 4 position is bound to the phenyl group contained in formula I and

Ar denotes a phenyl group disubstituted by the groups R_5 and R_6, while

R_5 is bound in the 3 position if R_6 denotes a hydrogen atom, or is bound in the 5 position if R_6 assumes a meaning other than the hydrogen atom, and an amidino group and

R_6 denotes a hydrogen atom, or a C_{1-3}-alkyl, ~~or hydroxy~~ group bound in the 2 position,

or a salt thereof.

4. (currently amended) A carboxylic acid amide of the formula I according to claim 1, wherein:

R_1 is bound in the 4 position of the phenyl group of formula I and denotes

a pyrrolidinocarbonyl group and

R_2 denotes a hydrogen atom or a substituent bound in the 3 position of the phenyl group, ~~selected from among chlorine, bromine,~~ wherein the substituent is C_{1-3}-alkyl, ~~C_{1-3}-alkoxy and trifluoromethyl,~~

R_3 and R_4 each denote a hydrogen atom,

Ar denotes a phenyl group substituted by the groups R_5 and R_6 wherein

R_5 is bound in the 3 position if R_6 denotes a hydrogen atom, or is bound in the 5 position if R_6 assumes a meaning other than the hydrogen atom, and an amidino group and

R_6 denotes a hydrogen atom ~~or a hydroxy group bound in the 2 position~~, and

R_8 and R_9, which may be identical or different, each denote a hydrogen atom or a C_{1-3}-alkyl group ~~optionally substituted by a phenyl or pyridinyl group~~,

or a salt thereof.

5. (currently amended) ~~A compound selected from the group consisting of:~~

~~(1)~~ 2-(3-carbamimidoyl-phenyl)-N-[3-methyl-4-(pyrrolidin-1-yl-carbonyl)-phenyl]-isobutyramide,

~~(2) 2-(5-carbamimidoyl-2-hydroxy-phenyl)-N-[3-methyl-4-(pyrrolidin-1-yl-carbonyl)-phenyl]-isobutyramide,~~

~~(3) 2-(5-carbamimidoyl-2-hydroxy-phenyl)-N-[3-chloro-4-(pyrrolidin-1-yl-carbonyl)-phenyl]-acetamide,~~

~~(4) 2-(5-carbamimidoyl-2-hydroxy-phenyl)-N-[3-methyl-4-(pyrrolidin-1-yl-sulphonyl)-phenyl]-acetamide,~~

~~(5) 2-(5-carbamimidoyl-2-hydroxy-phenyl)-N-[3-methyl-4-(pyrrolidin-1-yl-carbonyl)-phenyl]-propionamide,~~

~~(6) 2-(5-carbamimidoyl-2-hydroxy-phenyl)-N-[3-trifluoromethyl-4-(pyrrolidin-1-yl-carbonyl)-phenyl]-acetamide,~~

~~(7) 2-(5-carbamimidoyl-2-hydroxy-phenyl)-N-[4-(pyrrolidin-1-yl-carbonyl)-3-trifluoromethyl-phenyl]-propionamide,~~

~~(8) 2-(5-carbamimidoyl-2-hydroxy-phenyl)-N-[3-bromo-4-(pyrrolidin-1-yl-carbonyl)-phenyl]-acetamide,~~

~~(9) 2-(5-carbamimidoyl-2-hydroxy-phenyl)-N-[3-bromo-4-(pyrrolidin-1-yl-carbonyl)-phenyl]-propionamide,~~

~~(10) 2-(5-carbamidoyl-2-hydroxy-phenyl)-N-[3-methoxy-4-(pyrrolidin-1-yl-carbonyl)-phenyl]-acetamide,~~

~~(11) 2-(3-carbamimidoyl-phenyl)-N-[3-bromo-4-(pyrrolidin-1-yl-carbonyl)-phenyl]-3-phenyl-propionamide,~~

~~(12) 2-(3-carbamimidoyl-phenyl)-N-[3-bromo-4-(pyrrolidin-1-yl-carbonyl)-phenyl]-3-(pyridin-4-yl)-propionamide and~~

~~or a derivative thereof wherein at least one amidino group is substituted by a C_{1-6}-alkoxy-carbonyl or phenylcarbonyl group,~~

or a salt thereof.

6. (previously presented) A physiologically acceptable salt of a compound according to claim 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5.

7. (previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound in accordance with claim 1, 2, 3 or 4, or a physiologically acceptable salt thereof, together with one or more inert carriers and/or diluents.

8. (withdrawn) A method for treating thrombus formation which method comprises administering to a host in need of such treatment an antithrombotic amount of a compound in accordance with claim 1, 2, 3 or 4, with the exception of those compounds wherein Ar denotes a phenyl or naphthyl group substituted by the groups R_5, R_6 and R_7 and R_5 denotes a cyano group, or a physiologically acceptable salt thereof.